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EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWS

FROM THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND
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Praxis Test Changes

| Licensure Content Area | Current Praxis Version | New Praxis Version | New Cut Score | State Review Date | Arkansas Launch Date |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Reading Specialist | 5301 | 5302 | TBD | Fall 2020 | September 1, 2021 |
| Science of Reading Stand-Alone Test | N/A | N/A | TBD | Spring 2021 | September 1, 2021 |

Online Educator Endorsement



The DESE and Team Digital is in the process of completing a test run of a performance assessment for the new Online Educator endorsement assessment. **Full assessment implementation will occur in spring 2021.** Team Digital developed the assessment based on International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL, now Aurora Institute) Online Teacher Competencies and will use the MOODLE platform for test implementation and management. DESE plans to host a virtual meeting in **January 2021** to review the test run and answer any questions for educator preparation providers. Currently, the **University of Central Arkansas** is the only institution that offers a program of study.

Licensure Assessment Changes



Information on assessments for licensure is available on the [DESE's Licensure Assessments webpage](#).

Commissioner's Memos



The DESE issues regulatory guidance and informational notifications to school districts in the form of Commissioner's Memos. These memos are posted [online](#) on the DESE website. [Subscribe](#) to receive notifications on the latest published Commissioner's Memos.

Commissioner's Memos issued relative to Licensure/Educator Preparation since the **October 2020** newsletter include:

[LIC-21-009 Licensure Tests for Middle School Science and Geometry](#)

[LIC-21-011 TESS Summative Evaluations Waiver](#)

[LS-21-032 Approved Science of Reading Curriculum](#)



State Board of Education Information



Information regarding the State Board of Education can be found at <http://bit.ly/2hU9qvs>. Agendas for upcoming meetings and documentation from previous meetings can provide valuable information for all involved in educator preparation. Live streaming is also available on meeting days.

Ethics Training for Alternative Preparation Programs



ProEthica is used by many providers as part of their program to meet the requirement that all alternative preparation candidates must complete an approved ethics training prior to receiving a provisional license. ProEthica will be discontinued in **summer 2021**.

DESE is currently working with ETS on a solution to assist Educator Preparation Providers and should have a response in **January 2021**. Providers need to be prepared to submit a revision to their current ethics training should an agreement with ETS not occur.



Educational Leadership Programs

Superintendent (P-12)

competencies are available on the competencies website. The

DESE recently revised the competencies for **Curriculum Administrator P-12**, **Gifted and Talented Administrator P-12**, and **Special Education Administrator P-12**. The competencies are finalized and available on the website.

Program proposals for revisions for these areas for **fall 2021** implementation are due no later than **February 1, 2021**.

The last date to submit for **spring 2022** implementation is **July 1, 2021**.

Foundations of Reading Test

The Foundations of Reading Test (FoR) has been revised and will be implemented in **August 2021**. Early information is available in a [Google folder](#).

Pearson testing will host a review of the test in **February 2021**.

A survey was sent out to Educator Preparation Providers who are interested. A review group will be chosen from the survey group. Those not selected for the February review will be able to attend another session in the spring.

*"Education is
the most
powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the
world"
-Nelson
Mandela*



Competency Tracker

Program revisions are often driven by changes to the [Educator Competencies](#). Educator Preparation uses the [Competency Revision Tracker](#) as a tool to plan for upcoming program revisions. This is a working document and is subject to change but can be used as a reference to track upcoming program revisions.

*"Winter is a
season of
recovery and
preparation"*
-Paul
Theroux

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PLC Plan Implementation in Educator Preparation Programs

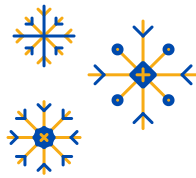


Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) are continuing to work to prepare educators who are knowledgeable in the practices of Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The implementation plans submitted **October 2020** were reviewed by a panel that included principals that work in Arkansas Model PLC schools. The feedback has been sent to the providers. Those plans that met the standard were approved. EPPs with approved plans can continue implementing and can submit revisions if needed. The plans not approved must be revised and resubmitted by **March 1, 2021**.





Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Reminder



The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education does not require the Praxis Core assessments or the Principles of Learning and Teaching assessments. The link below is to charts of study values and conditional standard error of measure scores. These charts are for historical reference and may be used at the discretion of educator preparation providers.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J4cd3QHUFQoJeHVmKTaELF7HFxsi8HMswDwLdF0SJ2c/edit?usp=sharing>

CAEP Standard 3 guidance:

<http://caepnet.org/~media/Files/caep/standards/caep-standard-3-component-3-2-measures-o.pdf?la=en>



Transitions



Dr. Machell Dailey will be leaving the Division at the end of the month. She has done a great job over the last year with program approvals and standards revisions. We appreciate all her hard work and wish her well.

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